

the church by baptism and one by relation. The outlook for the future of the church is bright and we all feel to "thank God and take courage."

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

Gretna, Ohio

Dear readers of the EVANGELIST, thinking that a letter from this place might be of interest to some one, I will pen a few lines in behalf of the little flock at Gretna.

Brother White has been our efficient pastor for nearly four years and has become a power in the pulpit.

We are not strong numerically but are in union and that is strength.

We began our revival meetings January 8, with some disadvantages; the roads were very bad and lagrippe had visited many homes in the community. We tried to think it was better farther on, and it was better farther on, the roads got better, the sick got better, the sermons got better, and really I think we were all better. The result was six accessions to the church, five by conversion and one by relation. Then we were made to realize that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Others are near the kingdom, doubtless would have united with the church at this meeting had Brother White not been called to other fields of duty, which closed the meeting the 26th inst. The church is much revived.

E. F. MILLER.

Bryan, Ohio

It has been sometime since I have reported our work. Tho we have been silent the work has been slowly moving along in spite of some discouragements. We trust in the Lord to give us victory over the enemy. In the face of discouragements, thro indifference of some of our soldiers we have been able to do some good. Some souls have been saved, others are trying to abide more completely in Christ. Thro a strong effort, which brought the criticism of some, we were able to raise a nice sum for our mission work. Thro the effort of the faithful of this class success may be attained too. Brother Samuel Keiser and Lydia Keiser were mindful of our family's need while away from home.

Bethesda. The people here are becoming exceedingly hungry for the preached Word, as they have been deprived of public worship for sometime because of contagious disease, we will enter into aggressive work at this place, Wednesday eve, Feb. 1. We will trust the Lord for a glorious meeting. By the way, our dear brethren here remembered that the family must live while I was gone, and brethren R. D. Martin and Henry Yagel acted the part of Epaphroditus, and drove across the country with a wagon filled with flour, meat, lard, potatoes, butter, fruit, etc. We would have enjoyed being at home at this time, but blessed are they who care for the fatherless and widows. We can but praise God for kind friends and beloved brethren.

May God's chiefest blessings be upon them for their labor of love.

Here and There. On Jan. 17, we arrived at North Georgetown, where we met with a band of consecrated laborers in the Lord's vineyard. We had five services together, which were attended with a deep spiritual awakening. May the Lord continue to bless this dear people. After this we came to Louisville where we were received by a number of kind brethren ready to receive the truth. We labored here a few days in public and personal work to the enjoyment of us all. On our way home we stopped with the brethren at Ashland, enjoying association and divine services with them. When we see Brother Miller at work in school, we long for the time when we can return and sit at the feet of this consecrated man of God. We also find Brother Gnagey earnestly discharging his duties, the work of two men. Dr. Worst is blessed with a flourishing business and doing practical work in the church. On Sunday evening, the Young People's Society lifted a collection for missions, amounting to \$5 00. This is an example for others. Brethren, we ought all support these institutions of the church. They are the hope of the future success of our church.

W. A. WELTY.

Sidney, Ind.

By vote of our church at this place I was chosen to keep you posted monthly concerning status of the church, etc. The outlook for the church is encouraging. The services of brother A. S. Menaugh have been secured for this conference year and in him we find a bold champion of truth and righteousness. A protracted effort was begun on New Years eve, continuing till January 19. Although there were no accessions, there was much interest and notably spiritual helpfulness to the church. Our Sunday School is growing in interest.

Brethren, pray for us and success in the Lord.

C. O. KETROW.

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We are glad to report to you the organization of a Brethren church at this place consisting of about twenty members, all of whom, save four, are recently from the ranks of the German Baptist brethren, with more to follow. Our past connection with the G. B. brethren has been very pleasant socially and spiritually, and we entertain great respect and love for them. The associations of a life time with them are not easily forgotten nor are their gospel principles to be ignored. While we have been at variance with the "order" methods of the G. B. brethren church for years, we had no desire to divide the congregation at this place so long as they could indulge our indifference on that point, and I must confess that thro our mutual indulgence we've spent many happy hours of worship together, and might have continued so did not their principles forbid the exercise of forbearance beyond a "reasonable" time. A limit to that "forbearance" came in December when, by a commissioned committee, we were asked to unconditionally subscribe to and accede in all the demands made by the A. M. This we could not conscientiously do. On last Saturday we organized a Brethren church accepting the gospel alone platform, and henceforth desire to be associated with the Brethren in living out the real principles of the gospel. Since we are so isolated, we make open application to the brotherhood thro the columns of the EVANGELIST to be recognized as an arm of the church and "branch" of the "true vine."

The undersigned has been a minister in the G. B. ranks for nearly 11 years, and was unanimously called to be pastor of our new organization. We realize the step we have taken and its attendant responsibilities as viewed by either branch of the church. We ask the prayers of all God's people.

We expect brother S. J. Harrison, now of Falls City, Neb., but soon of Sunnyside, Wash., to meet with us in the near future to complete any work we may have unfinished. There is a great field for labor in this far west and the laborers are few.

J. B. EARLY.

Oakville, Ind.

Our worthy pastor, Brother Ditch, began a series of meetings at this place, Jan. 3. He preached the Word with a fearlessness and power which caused the members to arouse spiritually, and caused sinners to turn to Christ. Three who had drifted away consecrated themselves anew, eleven others confessed the Christ and were baptized. Many others were under conviction, but were not